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(U) The Belgian MFA has expressed "deep disappointment" with the pending denouement of the UN Scale of Assessment debate. International Organizations Division Director Frankinet told polcouns the probable result of the December 22 vote will be an increased assessment for Belgium and a number of other EU countries including, particularly, the British. The Belgians expected their assessment to rise from 1.069 percent to 1.1 percent. Debate on this issue was certain to continue in coming years, Frankinet said, not least because of pressure from the new EU member states. Korologos

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